

SENATE BILL 1023

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By: **Senator Jennings (By Request)**

Introduced and read first time: February 28, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Schools – Character Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop guidelines for
4 instruction in character education on or before a certain date; requiring each county
5 board of education to require each public school in the county to provide instruction
6 in character education to all students in certain grades beginning in a certain school
7 year; and generally relating to character education in public schools.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7–125

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 **7–125.**

17 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP**
18 **GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTION IN CHARACTER EDUCATION TO BE IMPLEMENTED**
19 **EITHER WITHIN AN EXISTING PROGRAM OR AS A SEPARATE PROGRAM OF**
20 **INSTRUCTION.**

21 **(B) BEGINNING IN THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD**
22 **SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION**
23 **IN CHARACTER EDUCATION TO ALL STUDENTS IN PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH**
24 **GRADE 12.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2019.